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HERITAGE FOUNDATION:

REAGAN SHOULD STRENGTHEN U.S. INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS

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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- A CONSERVATIVE THINK TANK WANTS RONALD REAGAN TO IMMEDIATELY REORGANIZE AMERICA'S INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES TO STRENGTHEN THEIR ABILITY TO CARRY OUT WITH SECRECY AND SECURITY.

THE HERITAGE FOUNDATION THIS WEEK SUBMITTED A 97-PAGE TEAM REPORT ON INTELLIGENCE RECOMMENDATIONS TO REAGAN'S TRANSITION TEAM. DETAILED PAPERS ON OTHER KEY AREAS RANGING FROM DEFENSE TO ENERGY ALSO WERE PREPARED FOR POSSIBLE USE IN REAGAN'S ADMINISTRATION.

HERITAGE SAID U.S. INTELLIGENCE CAPABILITIES "HAVE NOT BEEN SO WEAK SINCE PEARL HARBOR" IN 1941 WHEN JAPAN ATTACKED HAWAII.

THERE IS A VITAL NEED, THE REPORT SAID, "FOR A MODERN, CLANDESTINE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE WITH CAPACITIES FOR INFORMATION COLLECTION BY HUMAN AND TECHNICAL MEANS, FOR COUNTERINTELLIGENCE, FOR COVERT ACTION AND FOR ANALYSIS."

THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION, IT SAID, HAD WEAKENED THE CIA THROUGH MASS DISMISSALS OF OFFICERS AND THEIR PARTIAL REPLACEMENT WITH INEXPERIENCED EMPLOYEES; AND PERMITTED RESTRICTIONS ON BOTH CIA AND FBI OFFICERS IN THEIR INTELLIGENCE-GATHERING AND COUNTERINTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS.

HERITAGE SUGGESTED:

--LEGISLATION TO END THE "SITUATION IN WHICH THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE, WHO SERVES AT THE PLEASURE OF THE PRESIDENT, IS AT ONCE THE HEAD OF A PART OF THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY (THE CIA) AND THE HEAD OF THE WHOLE."

--APPOINTING A DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE IN THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND A DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL FOREIGN ASSESSMENT CENTER, WHO WOULD SERVE A FIXED TERM.

--MAKING A SEPARATE AGENCY OF THE CIA'S DEPUTY DIRECTORATE FOR OPERATIONS, WHICH HANDLES CLANDESTINE SERVICES.

--GUARANTEEING ADEQUATE PROTECTION OF THE IDENTITIES OF AGENTS AND THEIR COLLABORATORS THROUGH LEGISLATIVE MEASURES.

--DOUBLING TECHNICAL MEANS OF GATHERING INTELLIGENCE -- SPY-IN-THE-SKY SATELLITES, RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS, SIGNALS INTERCEPTION, RADAR, ETC.

--PROVIDING SATELLITES TO PROTECT THOSE MEANS FROM SOVIET INTERFERENCE OR DESTRUCTION.